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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## STATUS INQUIRY REGARDING REQUEST FOR A REFUND

Sir:

Further to the Request for Refund filed on April 8, 2010, to which a response has not been received, the undersigned respectfully requests an update regarding the status of this refund.

It is again noted that, on 22 December 2009, \$65.00 was mistakenly charged to the undersigned's credit card as a late surcharge for payment of a maintenance fee. It is noted that this surcharge should not be necessary, as the due date for payment of the maintenance fee was Sunday, 20 December 2009, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was closed on Monday, 21 December 2009.

Due to this closure, 21 December 2009 is considered to be a "Federal holiday within the District of Columbia." Reference is made to the attached USPTO notice, which sets forth that any action or fee due on 21 December 2009 will be considered as timely if the action is taken, or the fee paid, on the next succeeding business day on which the USPTO is open.

Accordingly, the payment of the maintenance fee on 22 December 2009 should be considered <u>timely</u> and therefore no surcharge for late payment of the maintenance fee should be due.

It is respectfully requested that the extraneous fee of \$65.00 either be credited to the credit card utilized for payment, or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-3828.

Favorable action on the present request is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3828 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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